

Glyncorrwg Workshops Ecological Assessment

Introduction

The scheme is to construct 14 new businesses units over 3 sites. The Countryside and Wildlife Team were asked to provide ecological assessments of the sites.

Glyncorrwg workshops is an established site with business units currently occupied. It is proposed to add 4 x 1,000 sq ft business units.



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Figure 1 Site Location

Assessment of the site

The site was assessed in May 2023. A full species list was not taken as it was just outside the optimal survey season. However, photographic evidence was taken.

The site comprises mostly hardstanding edged with marshy/neutral grassland and trees/woodland.

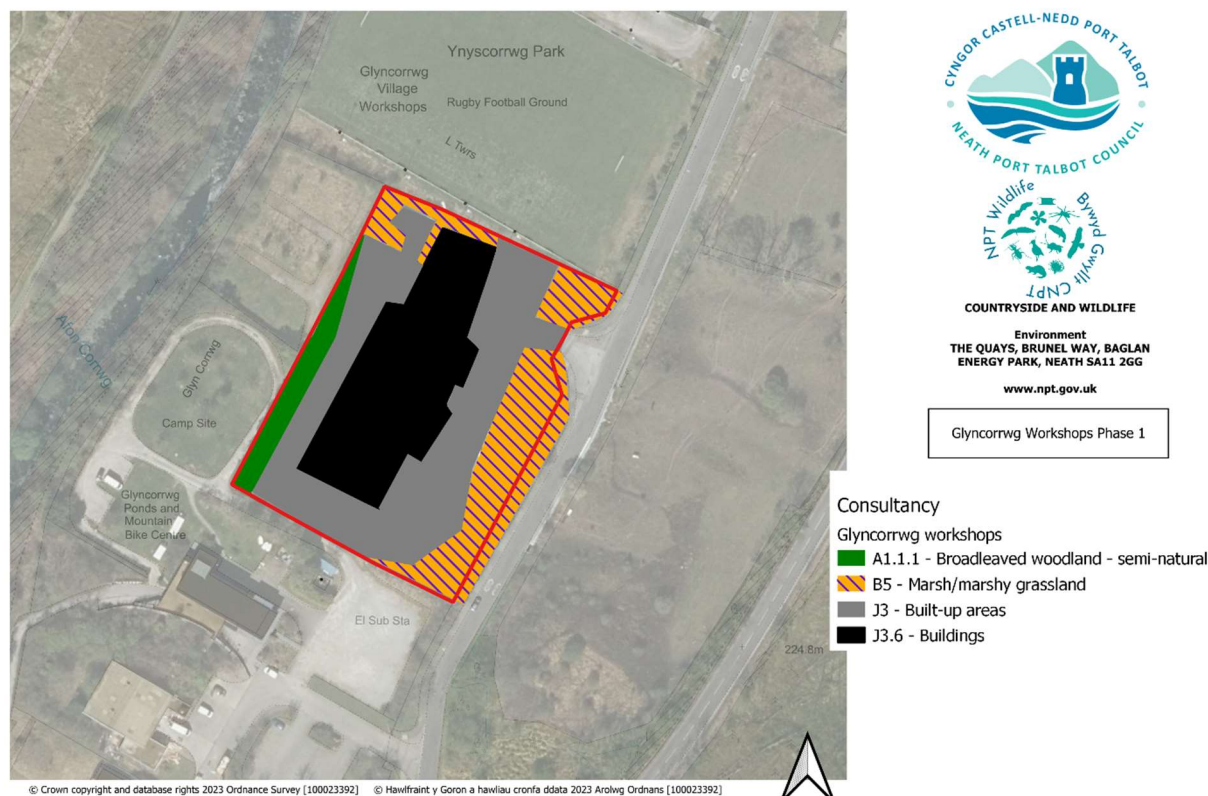


Figure 2 Phase 1

To the South-East of the site is the Ynys Corwag Farm Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC), which is designated for its lowland meadow habitat. The grassland on the workshop site is highly likely a continuance of this priority habitat.

Recommendations for the site

The marshy grassland should be retained and managed as a meadow. Any loss of this grassland will require mitigation/compensation. This could be in the form of a permanent change of management of nearby amenity grassland (off-site) into meadow, or the inclusion of Green Infrastructure such as living walls/green roofs.

There should be no net loss of woodland.

Any trees to be removed should be assessed using the Treeplotter software to ascertain how they need to be replaced.

Any works to the existing buildings should be done outside of the nesting bird season (March – September) or be preceded by a check for nesting birds by an ecologist. The buildings have little bat potential and do not require a survey.

Biodiversity Report

Enhancement can be provided through green infrastructure such as green roofs, and bird and bat boxes on buildings.